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Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of two months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed April 17, 2001 from March 2, 2001 to May 2, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, enclosed is the requisite extension fee of \$195.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application. The Assistant Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to change any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 18396/1140. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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